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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 13 April 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.


b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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